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Copy of Mr. Ashby's letter, read at the Annual Meeting of the Negro Welfare League of New Jersey.

Union Station, Saturday Evening, 7 o'clock, Washington, D. C.

To the Executives, Members and Friends, of the Negro Welfare League:-

When this note is read, I shall be somewhere in Virginia doing what I regard a patriotic service for New Jersey. May I be successful in my efforts.

I shall be thinking of this meeting while it is in progress. May its results be such as will prove conclusive to the Community the need of an organization such as the Negro Welfare League, which works in interest of a large part of Newark's population.

May it so stimulate the public spirited people of Newark, that they will make its financial program a certainty.

Here's best wishes for the Negro Welfare League and thanks and appreciation, for those who have kindly consented to be on our program to-night.

Yours,

(Signed) William M. Ashby.